

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 38 (Withdrawn)

Claim 39 (Cancelled)

Claim 40 (New) A device for dispensing substance from a cartridge comprising:

a retaining means for retaining a substance containing cartridge;

a telescoping plunger assembly, said telescoping plunger assembly being made up of at least a frontmost member, a rearmost member and at least one intervening member, at least one of the intervening members being a turnbuckle;

a base to which at least a portion of said telescopic plunger assembly is fixed;

a drive train means for rotating said turnbuckle of said telescoping plunger assembly; and

a fast rewind means comprising a turnbuckle splitting means whereby said turnbuckle longitudinally splits into two turnbuckle halves, and plunger biasing means whereby said telescoping plunger assembly may be manually compacted against the resistive force of a plurality of plunger biasing springs.

Claim 41 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 40, wherein said retaining means is slidably connected to said base and rotation of said turnbuckle causes said foremost member to move forward and said rearmost member to move rearward, the movement of said rearmost member causing said retaining means to move rearwards.

Claim 42 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 40 wherein the telescoping plunger assembly includes a plurality of threaded, at least partially hollowed out, members each of which can be withdrawn into or upon an adjacent member when one of said members is rotated.

Claim 43 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 42 wherein the turnbuckle is rotated and the frontmost and the rearmost members do not rotate relative to each other and do not rotate relative to a transmission housing to which the rearmost member is fixed and wherein the retaining means for retaining a substance containing cartridge is fixed relative to the transmission housing.

Claim 44 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 40 wherein the turnbuckle splitting means is comprised of a plurality of cam slots and cam followers in an alignment cage and in a drive hub and a plurality of clearance slots in the two turnbuckle halves.

Claim 45 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 44 additionally consisting of a braking means mechanism whereby the splitting of the turnbuckle is controlled by retarding the rotation of the turnbuckle.

Claim 46 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 45 wherein the braking means mechanism is comprised of a brake actuator mechanism which presses at least one friction surface of at least one brake shoe against an outer surface of the turnbuckle.

Claim 47 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 40 wherein said drive train means includes a forward drive shaft, a rearward drive shaft, and a clutch, whereby said clutch longitudinally splits into two portions that are held together with spring clips, and rotation of said forward drive shaft or said rearward drive shaft when said telescopic plunger assembly is fully expanded or retracted causes said two portions of said clutch to separate and said forward drive shaft or said rearward drive shaft to rotate within said clutch.

Claim 48 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 47 wherein said forward drive shaft and said rearward drive shaft are hexagonal in cross-section.

Claim 49 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 47 wherein rotation of a forward drive shaft or a rearward drive shaft within said clutch causes a clicking noise.

Claim 50 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 43 wherein a passive backfeed circuit operates to reverse the direction of rotation of the turnbuckle for a brief time when the drive train means stops rotating the turnbuckle in the forward direction by reversing the direction of the internal motor for a brief time when the motor is turned off after rotating the turnbuckle in the forward direction.

Claim 51 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 43 wherein an active backfeed circuit operates to reverse the direction of rotation of the turnbuckle for a brief time when the drive train means stops rotating the turnbuckle in the forward direction by reversing the direction of the internal

motor for a brief time when the motor is turned off after rotating the turnbuckle in the forward direction.

Claim 52 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 40 wherein the device additionally comprises a guide mount which is adapted to receive a detachable, snap fitting joist guide.

Claim 53 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 40 wherein the device additionally comprises a guide mount which is adapted to receive a detachable, snap fitting seam guide.

Claim 54 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 40 wherein the device additionally comprises a guide mount which is adapted to receive a detachable, snap fitting adjustable guide.

Claim 55 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 52 wherein the device additionally comprises a detachably mountable joist guide comprising a body and arms extending downwardly from either side of said body.

Claim 56 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 55 wherein the device additionally comprises a detachably mountable seam guide comprising a body and arms extending downwardly from either side of said body.

Claim 57 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 56 wherein the device additionally comprises a detachably mountable adjustable guide comprising a body, two downwardly extending guide arms, each of said arms being pivotally

mounted on a gear on a front face of said body, each of said gears having a plurality of teeth which intermesh with the teeth on the other gear.

Claim 58 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 40 wherein the device additionally comprises a tip cutter comprising a receiving slot, a chopping slot which intersects with said receiving slot at a fixed angle between forty-five and ninety degrees, and a guillotine blade slidably mounted in said receiving slot.

Claim 59 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 40 wherein the device additionally comprises a puncture rod.

Claim 60 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 40 wherein the device additionally comprises a plurality of nipples, each of which are detachably held in place by the retaining means, each nipple having a shaping surface adjacent to an orifice through which substance is expelled.

Claim 61 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 42 wherein the drive train means for driving the telescoping plunger assembly is powered by a reversible external power source connected to a drive linkage which rotates the turnbuckle.

Claim 62 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 42 wherein the drive train means for driving the telescoping plunger assembly is powered by an internal motor connected to a drive assembly which rotates the turnbuckle.

Claim 63 (New) A device for dispensing substance from a cartridge comprising a retaining means for retaining a substance containing cartridge;

a telescoping plunger assembly including:

a foremost member;

a rearmost member;

a turnbuckle;

a base to which at least a portion of said telescoping plunger assembly is fixed, said retaining means being slidably connected to said base; and

a drive train means for rotating said turnbuckle of said telescoping plunger assembly,

wherein rotation of said turnbuckle causes said foremost member to move forward and said rearmost member to move rearward, the movement of said rearmost member causing said retaining means to move rearwards.

Claim 64 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 63 wherein the telescoping plunger assembly includes a plurality of threaded, at least partially hollowed out, members each of which can be withdrawn into or upon an adjacent member when one of said members is rotated.

Claim 65 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 64 wherein the turnbuckle is rotated and the frontmost and the rearmost members do not rotate relative to each other and do not rotate relative to a transmission housing to which the rearmost member is fixed and wherein the retaining means for retaining a substance containing cartridge is fixed relative to the transmission housing.

Claim 66 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 65 additionally consisting of a fast rewind means comprising a turnbuckle splitting means whereby the turnbuckle longitudinally splits into two turnbuckle halves, and plunger biasing means whereby the telescoping plunger assembly may be manually compacted against the resistive force of a plurality of plunger biasing springs.

Claim 67 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 66 wherein the turnbuckle splitting means is comprised of a plurality of cam slots and cam followers in an alignment cage and in a drive hub and a plurality of clearance slots in the two turnbuckle halves.

Claim 68 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 67 additionally consisting of a braking means mechanism whereby the splitting of the turnbuckle is controlled by retarding the rotation of the turnbuckle.

Claim 69 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 68 wherein said braking means mechanism is comprised of a brake actuator mechanism which presses at least one friction surface of at least one brake shoe against an outer surface of the turnbuckle.

Claim 70 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 63 wherein said drive train means includes a forward drive shaft, a rearward drive shaft, and a clutch, whereby said clutch longitudinally splits into two portions that are held together with spring clips, and rotation of said forward drive shaft or said rearward drive shaft when said telescopic plunger assembly is fully expanded or retracted causes said two portions of

said clutch to separate and said forward drive shaft or said rearward drive shaft to rotate within said clutch.

Claim 71 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 70 wherein a passive backfeed circuit operates to reverse the direction of rotation of the turnbuckle for a brief time when the drive train means stops rotating the turnbuckle in the forward direction by reversing the direction of the internal motor for a brief time when the motor is turned off after rotating the turnbuckle in the forward direction.

Claim 72 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 70 wherein an active backfeed circuit operates to reverse the direction of rotation of the turnbuckle for a brief time when the drive train means stops rotating the turnbuckle in the forward direction by reversing the direction of the internal motor for a brief time when the motor is turned off after rotating the turnbuckle in the forward direction.

Claim 73 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 63 wherein the drive train means for driving the telescoping plunger assembly is powered by a reversible external power source connected to a drive linkage which rotates the turnbuckle.

Claim 74 (New) The device for dispensing substance from a cartridge of claim 63 wherein the drive train means for driving the telescoping plunger assembly is powered by an internal motor connected to a drive assembly which rotates the turnbuckle.